

Confidence Before God – I John 3:19-24

1. What is the remedy when your heart condemns you (3:19-20)?

- Remembering that God has made you able to love your brothers & sisters (see 3:18).
- Remembering the fact that God is greater than your condemning heart and He knows everything about you.

2. What is the benefit of having a heart that doesn't condemn you (3:21-22)?

- You have confidence before God.
- You have effectiveness in prayer.

3. What is the command of God which the Spirit enables you to obey and which gives you further assurance (3:23-24)?

- You are commanded to believe in Jesus and to love your brothers and sisters.

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was difficult, helpful, or challenging from this study of God's Word?
2. Have you ever been tempted to doubt your own salvation and relationship with God? What led to these doubts?
3. When you experienced these doubts were you able to point back to tangible proof of God working in your heart and life enabling you to love others?
4. What else did God use to encourage your assurance?
5. Why is it important that we have assurance in our Christian life?
6. Why would insecurity in our relationship with God hinder our prayer life?
7. How have you experienced this?
8. Why would living a life of faith in Jesus and love for others make you more effective in your prayers so that you receive what you ask for?
9. Can you give an example of a prayer that flowed from faith in Jesus and love for others that God clearly answered? If so, please share.
10. Are there any new things that you feel compelled to pray about from the study of this passage? If yes, what are these new things?